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RUSSIANS STUDYING UFO's :

Our last bulletin reported the establishment by the Russian Government of a Scientific project for the investigation of UFO sightings.

The Soviet project signals an amazing about-face in the Russian Government's attitude towards UFO's, and is undoubtedly the most important single event to have occurred in the UFO world during 1967.

If the Russians pursue their UFO studies with their customary diligence, it seems quite feasible that a definitive answer to the UFO enigma may be forthcoming before the end of this year.

Discussing the Soviet UFO investigation the November/December issue of the prestigious English "Flying Saucer Review" comments as follows:-

"Brief radio news items on Sunday, November 12, 1967, gave the long awaited, but nonetheless remarkable news that the government of the Soviet Union is taking flying saucers very seriously.

The article by Dr. Fyodor Yu. Zigel which appeared in *Smena* earlier this year, and which was discussed in our July/August issue, left no doubt that the earlier tendency to scoff at the subject was a thing of the past, and that there had been many Russian UFO reports, some of which were confirmed by radar. The tone of this article, which was one of a series edited by Prof. B.P. Konstantinov, Vice-President of the Soviet Academy of Sciences, confirmed the feeling we have had ever since the Academy started taking *FLYING SAUCER REVIEW* in 1963, that Russia would organise an official study of the problem. The existence of such a study was announced on November 12.

On Monday, November 13, the British Press gave much publicity to this news. The Times devoted one of its editorials to the topic and after suggesting that the Russian commission will "serve the same function as the equivalent bodies in the British and American defence ministries", the leader-writer concluded: "UFOs . . . must have some explanation, else the Russians would never have set up a commission to examine them."

While heartily endorsing the latter sentiment, we suspect the Soviets have no intention that their commission should develop into another Project Blue Book, with instructions to the officer in charge to debunk flying saucers.

The Daily Express published an interesting account from their representative in Moscow, Mr. Roy Blackman, who wrote to say that Russia is to open the world's first UFO detection agency. He went

on to tell how it was revealed over the weekend that a Soviet scientific commission will in future investigate all corroborated sightings of the UFOs over the Soviet Union. The commission, he said is headed by Air Force General Anatoli Stolyerov. The establishment of the agency, added Mr. Blackman, represents a rethinking by Soviet scientists on flying saucers, which have always previously been ridiculed, and he concluded his piece with a reference to the Zigel article, and the new appraisal revealed therein.

One of our friends, recently in Moscow, had given us prior notice, in a letter dated October 25, that a permanent commission had been established on October 18. We also understand, from other sources, that General Stolyerov's No. 2 is the distinguished Dr. Zigel, and that among others the committee includes an unnamed Russian cosmonaut and 18 scientists and astronomers. There will also be 200 qualified observers throughout the country, and the Commission will be particularly interested in persistent reports from the Caucasus, the Urals and Central Asia.

The Russians have carefully laid the foundations for public awareness and interest in this new branch of science. The Zigel article in Smena is one example of this policy; an article in Tekhnika Molodezhi (Technicians of Youth) which also appeared in the Trade Union journal Trud, is another. A translation of this article will be found elsewhere in this issue of FLYING SAUCER REVIEW".

Quite apart from anything else, the Russian investigations should provide healthy competition to the United States' Colorado Project which has now more than twelve months head-start on the Russians and is expected to issue its findings next September.

(English "Flying Saucer Reviews" address is -
49a Kings Grove,
Peckham, London S.E.15)

UFOs SEEN IN RUSSIA:

Soviet Astronomers have studied UFO, through telescopes, according to the "Soviet Weekly".

Objects studied over Kazan are described as crescent-shaped, 500 to 600 yards in diameter, and are said to have travelled at about 10,000 m.p.h. at a height of 30 to 65 miles

(Credit "The Herald" 10/2/68)

STRANGE STONE DISCS ARE PUZZLING THE RUSSIANS: by NINO LO BELLO in Auckland HERALD July 8th Moscow.

A few years ago scientists in Moscow received from China a package of 716 odd looking stone discs, covered with unreadable hieroglyphics apparently dating back to several thousand years.

Each of the discs, which had a hole in the centre, looked like a phonograph record. And from this hole spiralled out a double groove that eventually extended to the outer rim.

For nearly twenty years Chinese experts on ancient writing and archaeologists had grappled with the secret script but had been unable to solve the mystery of the spirals.

Piecing together bits of knowledge, one Chinese expert had formulated a theory, about the stone objects, discovered in caves in the Bayan-Kara-Ula Mountains on the China-Tibet border. He wrote a scientific paper with the intriguing title, "Groove Writing Relating to Spaceships Which, As recorded On The Discs, Existed 12,000 Years Ago."

Eager to investigate the Chinese Hypothesis that the discs were "calling cards" left by "interplanetary travellers" (whose descendants were the frail tribe of men, four feet two inches in height, who live in

the Bayan-Kara?Ula mountain caves and who hitherto have defied ethnic classification), the Moscow scientists scraped the odd stones free of adhering rock particles and made an amazing discovery.

The discs gave off a vibration with an unusual rhythm- as if they carried an electric charge or were part of an electrical circuit. The Moscow science community has found the 12,000-year-old celestial stones a challenge, and up to now they remain very much a mystery, perhaps one that will never be solved in our century.

Although archaeologists could not derive any definite conclusions about the stone discs, Soviet scientists look upon the strange objects from another viewpoint. They suspect, almost unanimously that travellers from outer space might have once landed on earth.

Flying Saucers are not pooh-poohed in Russia. In fact the Soviet Union has set up a special scientific centre at the Byurakan Astrophysical Observatory in Armenia to deal with extraterrestrial civilisations and to establish contact with them.

Professor Matislav Agrest, Soviet master of physico-mathematical science recently told the Literaturnaya Gazeta in an interview that he believes a spaceship from a remote area of the universe made a landing on earth and after a short period of observation, the visitors built a launching platform in the Lebanese Mountains and soared back into the blue again.

He explained that no one has yet solved the mystery of the Baalbek Terrace, a huge platform of stone slabs in Lebanon. According to professor Agrest, they were probably built by space travellers either to launch their craft or in commemoration of their visit to earth. To support this theory he added, mysterious glassy bodies, called tektites, have been found in the Libyan Desert.

UFO's OVER WESTERN AUSTRALIA:

The following two sighting reports have been sent to us by Mr. Les Locke, Secretary of the Perth UFO Society:-

1. A Mr. Pogle, a farmer, of Yericarn was inspecting his paddocks on the 16th November at 6.30 p.m. when he heard a whining noise like an electric motor at high speed. When he looked up he saw an object coming straight at him.

It was about 400 to 300 ft. up and about half a mile away when he first observed it. He stopped his vehicle and the saucer shaped object landed about 4 to 5 ft., away from it. He spoke the UFO and his voice came back at him as if someone was talking to him. He then went to get out of his car and the object (smoky grey in colour) took off like a rocket and disappeared in a split second.

The shape was a typical saucer shape approx., 20 ft., in dia., and 5 to 6 ft., high.

2. On the 30th October last, at 9.00 p.m. 10 miles from Boy-up Brook, a Mr. Woodclip was travelling at 60 to 65 m.p.h. in his car when suddenly his car stopped and its electrical system cut out; then a tube of light approx. 2 ft., in dia. projected down from the object. It was bluish in colour and shaped like a football.

The beam of light came through the window screen of the car and he could see up the centre of the tube of light as he sat there, feeling that someone was observing him. After a period of time between 3 to 5 mins., the beam of light was turned off and he was again travelling at 60 to 65 m.p.h., without any apparent acceleration or de-acceleration. The object disappeared over the horizon in a split second.

AEC VIDEO-TAPES VUFORS MEETING:

Mr. Gerald Lyons and a "This Day Tonight" film crew attended our February general meeting and video-taped part of the transactions.

It is anticipated that the segment will be included in one of the programmes in early March.

Taping was complicated by the lively presence of a discotheque which has apparently adopted the main hall as its permanent Friday night home.

(Since VUFORS intends neither to beat or join the new tenant, members should expect an imminent announcement that our venue for eleven years will at last be changed).

Mr. Lyons, also later filmed a sightings investigation conducted by Sightings Investigations Officer - Neville Thornhill.

BBC VISIT WRECKED BY DEVALUATION:

Members will recall the pre-Christmas announcement of a visit to Victoria by a BBC film crew to film interviews with UFO witnesses here.

The visit had been arranged by the good offices of one of our members and of our overseas representatives, and the film was to have been screened as part of an 80 minute programme on UFO's.

We have since been advised by the BBC that the recent sterling devaluation has increased the cost of the project beyond the amount originally budgeted necessitating its cancellation, at least for the time being.

Members may nevertheless find some comfort in their Society's having been chosen by the BBC as host for this most important project.

BADGE FOR SOCIETY:

The Committee is investigating the preparation of a lapel badge to be available for purchase by members.

An appropriate design for the badge is yet to be decided and members are invited to send their suggestions to the Secretary.

GENERAL MEETINGS:

Meetings for 1968 will be held as usual in the Library, 2nd floor, Kelvin Hall, 55 Exhibition Street Melbourne on the first Friday of every month at 8 p.m. With events moving so speedily in the UFO field, 1968 promises to be a rewarding year, and members are urged to attend meetings regularly. Programmes already prepared for forthcoming meetings include actual taped interviews with UFO witnesses both here and abroad, films, slide illustrated lectures, and, of course, announcements and discussion of important events speedily communicated to the Society by its world-wide representatives.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS:

The Society relies almost entirely on membership subscriptions to finance its work.

Delay in payment of overdue subscriptions is a continuing and serious obstacle to your Committee in planning publication of magazines and news-sheets.

So please help your Committee to help you SIMPLY by renewing promptly on receipt of renewal notices.

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SIGHTINGS:

Members, please report your own sightings, or any of which you may be aware, to -

Sightings Investigations Officer - Neville Thornbill

SIGHTING NIGHTS:

Our very active Support Sub-Committee requests that members interested in attending sighting nights, whether they have transport available or wish it, please contact Douglas Mummery at 439-9254, by no later than one week before the sighting nights which have been fixed for the 24th February and 23rd March.

FURTHER NEWS FROM AROUND THE GLOBE:

STRANGE EFFECTS FROM EM WAVES:

Credit: The UFO reporter. AIR Inc.

Among the thousands of recorded UFO reports, from World War 11 to date, there are numerous cases where witnesses have described odd physical reactions - sudden heat, sometimes with burns; paralysis; affected vision peculiar and disturbing sounds, and occasionally frightening numbness.

Earlier, the tendency was to blame most of the reports on hysteria or excitement. But enough reactions are now on record, from reliable sources, to cause more serious study. In addition to reports from human witnesses, solid reactions from animals, far more than the mere sight of an unfamiliar craft should cause - and sometimes when they do not even see a UFO.

Careful experiments and research by Prof. Clyde E. Ingalls, Cornell University, have shown that the "hearing" of EM - Electromagnetic-waves is an established fact.

"It appears" reports Professor Ingalls "that this takes place by direct stimulation of the nervous system, perhaps in the brain, thus by-passing the ear and much of the associated hearing problem".

In his research tests with human subjects, Prof. Ingalls used a radar beam. Since the full, direct power in the center of a radar beam has been known to kill, Prof. Ingalls used a meter for field-strength measurements, so as "to avoid over exposure and possible damage to the eyes, brain or other parts of the body".

The radar, he reports, could be "heard" by a person who immersed himself in the edge of the beam. By using a special screen, Prof. Ingalls proved the "sound" did not come through the ears, but apparently through the nervous system of the brain. It seemed to come from a few feet above the head, varying with individuals.

From the screening tests, it was found that the radar could be "heard" only at a point above the forehead, added proof the EM waves do not use normal auditory channels. This nervous system "hearing" says Prof. Ingalls "is a very broad band effect."

SCIENTIST FINDS CHLOROPHYLL DIST:

Credit: C.A.P.I.C. (From: Arkansas Gazette, Jan.22nd '67).

Berkeley, California. (UPI) A physicist and astronomer said Friday he had discovered that stellar dust in the universe is mostly chlorophyll, a key compound of life on earth.

If true, this would mean that biological life may be possible in outer space.

"The germ of life is implicit in my theory," said Dr. Fred M. Johnson of

Pasadena, California, at a specially convened symposium of skeptical astronomers and biochemists at the University of California.

"The significance of my find, if correct," Johnson said, "is that a case for life chemistry in space can not only be inferred, but the end product can be locked upon as a form of life similar to that on earth".

Chlorophyll is the substance that gives plants their green color. It is the key to photosynthesis, by which light, water and carbon dioxide are converted into sugar, energy and organic life.

MARTIANS? BOSH ! WE'RE ALL ALONE IN THE UNIVERSE SAYS NOBEL-WINNER !!!

Credit C.A.P.I.C.

If any intelligent alien beings from a distant planet land in your backyard, don't take them to your leader.

Take them to Sir John Eccles, the Nobel prize-winning brain physiologist who heads the AMA biochemical research institute in Chicago.

He contends there is no such animal. There can't be, because man is the only intelligent life in the universe.

And our development, he said, was a "fantastic improbability" that could only happen once.

"Earth is the only place where intelligent life exists," the Australian scientist said. "This put our planet on top of everything in the universe."

FAMED PHYSICIST SAYS FLYING SAUCERS TAKING EARTH SAMPLES.

Credit C.A.P.I.C. (From Victoria-Canada - Daily Colonist - 12/3/67)

Physicist and Engineer Paul Santorini, whose pioneering work helped in the development of radar, the fuses for the atom bomb and the napalm bomb, came out of two year retirement to lecture the Greek Astronautical Society.

Result? Flying saucers are no longer the joke they were.

Prof. Santorini is not among the lunatic fringe of scientists attracted by the publicity potential of flying saucer investigation.

A fellow of the New York Academy of Sciences, he rates a six-inch entry in the international Who's Who. He was educated at Zurich, Switzerland, where his professor of physics was Albert Einstein. He is the possessor of 80 letters from Einstein written during a 30 year correspondence and close friendship.

With the reputation of being Greece's most practical scientist and with two generations of Athens Polytechnic graduates who mention his name with awe, Santorini hesitated several years before plunging into the flying saucer controversy.

He attributed to saucer activity, the New York blackout of 1965, and two smaller, but similarly unexplained power failures in the Eastern United States and Mexico about the same time of year.

Santorini attributed three factors to the world blanket of secrecy over the flying saucer activity;

The military authorities are unwilling to admit the existence of an alien force against which earth has no possibility of defence.

Civil authorities seek to deny the existence of flying saucers because "when earth is invaded there is certain to be a panic".

And the churches are against saucers because of their effect on the doctrine of creation.

By declining to argue the existence of flying saucers in his lecture and broadcast, but instead taking the existence as established fact and the starting point for further argument, Santorini has really stirred up his nation.

The flying saucer watch is now on !

Bulletins of the following Societies are recommended to members.

CANADA.

U.F.O. Journal of the Canadial Aerial Phenomena Investigations Committee.
(C.A.P.I.C.) Box 98 Postal Station A.
Scarborough, Ontario, Canada.

For Sightings in New Zealand we would recommend, SPACEVIEW, New Zealand
Scientific Space Research Journal, P.O.Box 21007,
Henderson, New Zealand.

United States: The U.F.C. Reporter, AIR, Inc. (Aerial Investigations & Research Corp.) 4 Cleveland Drive, Poughkeepsie, N.Y.
12601. U.S.A.

Material from these publications has been included in this newsheet.